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Jackson Purchase Energy Corp. Receives Governor's Safety and Health Award

Member-owned cooperative has more than 280,000 work hours without a lost-time incident

PADUCAH, Ky. (Nov. 7, 2013) – Kentucky Labor Secretary Larry Roberts joined Jackson Purchase Energy Corp. (JPEC) employees and officials in Paducah to honor the electricity provider with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The honor recognizes the member-owned cooperative's 280,323 hours without a lost-time accident or illness.

"This is a significant honor, not only for JPEC, but for all the employees who made this possible by making safety a top priority every day," said Kentucky Labor Cabinet Secretary Larry Roberts. "This is a result of nearly two years without a lost-time incident, and that requires a long-lasting dedication to safety, which is why the Governor's Safety and Health Award is a special accomplishment."

Incorporated in 1937, JPEC now has 71 employees and provides electricity to more than 30,000 accounts in portions of six counties, including Ballard, Carlisle, Graves, Livingston, Marshall and McCracken. Headquartered in Paducah, JPEC is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, a network of more than 1,000 electric cooperatives nationwide.

"The management team, employees and board of directors are honored to receive this award," said G. Kelly Nuckols, president and CEO of JPEC. "Each member of our team has adopted an attitude of safety and of looking out for each other. That is what made this

achievement possible. This award recognizes the effort of the organization. I am very proud of the employees and look forward to receiving future awards.”

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 816 represents the electrical workers of JPEC. The IBEW’s active members and retirees are involved in a variety of fields, including utilities, construction, telecommunications, broadcasting, manufacturing, railroads and government.

“This is great tribute to all the employees involved in maintaining the system serving JPEC customers.” said Jimmy Evans, business manager of IBEW Local 816. “The IBEW continually strives to educate its members and work with employers in the areas of work place safety. Safety is and should continue to be the number one priority each and every day. The management and employees of JPEC should be commended for accomplishing over 280,000 hours worked without a lost-time incident.”

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of JPEC, the requirement was 250,000 hours.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

JPEC’s last lost-time incident was on Feb. 22, 2011, and is receiving the Governor’s Safety and Health Award for the period of Feb. 23, 2011 through Dec. 31, 2012. In that timeframe, JPEC had 280,323 hours without a lost-time accident or illness. JPEC is currently working on achieving its next award, which could apply to the calendar year of 2013, as long as JPEC finishes the year without a lost-time incident.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear, Labor Secretary Larry Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

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